

sides all the seeming good-fellowship and loving kindness among the whole people."

General Howard cautioned his hearers against putting too much confidence in the Democracy. "I am already there are mutterings in New York," he said, "against McKinley."

General Stewart of Pennsylvania related many incidents of the tour of the generals throughout the south and west. "We corrected the mistakes of some of the men of the nation at Appomattox and this year the people have corrected the mistakes by another Appomattox."

"RHETORIC AND RABBITS' FEET." Corporal James Tanner designated the victory of the late campaign as one assuring "present security for four years to work in," but declared he was frank to say that the victory was not decisive enough to suit him. It was his opinion that "traitorous, common honesty, regard for the foundation and bulwarks of the republic, as laid down by the fathers, did not show up as many supporters on election day as they ought." He added:

"Once again the injunction thunders in our ears that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Corporal Tanner urged that there must be no vacation in the campaign of education, and asserted that an examination of the election returns shows that, hand-in-hand with the voters, a ratio of illiteracy, went the great ratio of Bryan's support. He maintained that this was an argument that "should bring us many degrees nearer the victory, for the fundamental law of the land shall declare that the individual who cannot read a ballot shall not have the power to cast one."

"When that time comes," he said, "the point will be forever past when rhetoric and rabbits' feet will be potent factors with the American sovereign in a presidential campaign."

Colonel Hopkins of Detroit, Mich., who acted, he said, in the capacity of adjutant general to the commander of the general's expedition, made a speech in the nature of a report of the trip, and said over eight thousand miles were traveled, and through thirteen states.

Hon. G. A. Mather, the speech-making by a characteristic address in which he said he was proud of the generals, whom he accompanied on the tour through the west.

EX-GOVERNOR FLOWER DINED
Democratic Club Celebrates the Election of McKinley.

New York, Nov. 24.—For the first time in its history the Democratic club, tonight celebrated the election of a Republican president. A dinner was given to ex-Governor Flower in recognition of his services in the campaign.

There were present two prominent Republicans—Edward Lauterbach of this city and Congressman Curtis of St. Lawrence county, and also several Democratic members who had voted for Bryan. Among those present were: John D. Crimmins, ex-Governor of Waller, Connecticut; W. T. Curtis, assistant secretary of the Democratic league; John De Witt Warner, Jefferson M. Levy and Edward Lauterbach, and Chairman Ryman of the National Democratic committee.

DR. STORRS' JOURNALS
Week of Rejoicing at His Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Nov. 24.—The celebration of the golden jubilee of John Richard Storrs, which has lasted for more than a week, ended tonight with a reception in honor of the venerable pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn academy of music. The hall was crowded to the doors by a most representative audience, while on the platform surrounding the speaker were prominent in all walks of life. Not the least interesting of the week's entertainment was the presentation to Dr. Storrs of a gold medal on behalf of the citizens of Brooklyn, suitably inscribed. General Stewart L. Woodford presided and "Neighbor" Seth Lowe, pastor of the Columbia university, and Dr. Storrs himself spoke.

EX-PRIEST SLATTERY AGAIN
He Provokes Hostile Demonstrations at Newark, N. J.

New York, Nov. 24.—It took all the police reserves in Newark, N. J., tonight to save Slattery, the ex-priest, from being mobbed. He lectured in that city this evening and at the close of the performance a crowd of some 1,500 gathered at the doors to wait for his appearance on the street. Slattery and his wife were in danger from frequent attacks of the mob, and the ex-priest was almost immediately taken to the train station.

MINISTER MURDERED
Rev. James Miller Done for by Footpads in Indiana, Ind.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Decatur, Ill., says that Rev. James Miller, pastor of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Bloomington, formerly of this city, was found dead in an alley there at 3:30 o'clock this morning. There was a bullet wound in his forehead, and a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson pistol lay near him. His pockets were rifled and his gold watch, which he is known to have carried, was missing. The case was evidently committed by footpads.

Rev. Miller had written a note to his son, Dr. John Miller, in this city, stating that he would spend the winter at the Diamond special from Bloomington.

Rev. Miller was one of the ablest and best known ministers in Illinois.

BELIEVED TO BE INSANE
Mrs. Swearer, Who Kills Her Three Children and Tries to Kill Herself.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 24.—The Ledger received news from Swearer, a woman, the wife of a rancher living in the northeast section of Lewis county, on Friday last cut the throats of her three little girls, aged respectively the years, three years and nine months. Mrs. Swearer then used the knife on herself.

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What does that mean? Suppose you are taking in money all day, and drop it into a pocket with holes; you will find yourself a loser instead of a gainer by the day's business. Same with your health. You eat and drink and sleep, yet lose instead of gain strength. There's a hole in your health. Some blood disease, probably, sapping your vitality. You can't begin, too soon, to take the great blood purifier,

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self, inflicting a severe but not necessarily fatal wound. The 3-year-old child died almost instantly, the jugular vein having been severed, and the elder one not expected to live.

Mr. Swearer, the husband, was at work in a barn at short distance from the house, which he had only left a few minutes before, and when he returned the mother and three children were found lying on the floor bathed in blood. The awful deed had been accomplished by the aid of a common butcher knife, the blade being driven into the throats of the victims. Mrs. Swearer has been in ill health for some time and she is believed to be insane.

CHICAGO'S FEMALE HOLMES.
Disposes of Undesirable Infants at Her "Maturity" Hospital.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The police are investigating charges against the Maturity hospital, conducted by Mrs. Benson at 1111 North State. The sworn statement of Miss Alice Martin, who, with her husband, had been at the county hospital, is as follows:

"While I was in the house," said Miss Martin, "there were probably twenty cases of maternity handled. The children never had to be cared for. I was a witness to the cremation of one infant three weeks ago."

Miss Grace Thompson, of Houghton, Mich., who had been temporarily in the Young Woman's Christian association home, said:

"The treatment my infant received brought about its death. We fed the babies in a bath tub one day and I knew of one which was thrown into the furnace."

Mrs. Benson was called upon by the police and was closely questioned, but was not arrested.

WILLIAM FOLEY MEETS TEARS
He Learns That Public Sentiment is Dead Against Him.

Kansas City, Nov. 24.—For the first time since his arrest, charged with murdering his mother and sister at Liberty, William Foley today burst into tears and cried like a child. J. B. Creek, an old friend of the prisoner, had called to see him, and Foley urged him to state the exact feeling of his neighborhood against him. When Creek replied that he suggested what his theory of the crime might be, Foley again refused to be interviewed by several reporters who sought the chance, nor would he even suggest what his theory of the crime might be. Hundreds daily visit the jail and gaze at the prisoner.

BURGALARS VISIT BENJAMIN
They Take Steel and Carry Away the Late Mr. Dimmock's Watch.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24.—Burglars visited the residence of ex-President Harrison last night. From Mrs. Harrison's room a gold watch and a small sum of money were secured. It is believed the thieves were frightened away, because nothing in the other rooms were disturbed. The watch belonged to the late Mr. Dimmock's first husband, and was highly prized.

MINE EXPLOSION IN UTAH
Flames From Burning Asphaltum Reach a Fatal Heat in the Air.

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 24.—A special to the Tribune from Price, Utah, says a heavy explosion occurred at the St. Louis asphaltum company's mine near Fort Henshaw at three o'clock this morning in which two men were killed and three others injured. The killed are: ANDREW ANDERSON, Ashley, Utah; ANDY GARNES, Park City, Utah.

The mine is situated about a mile from Price, Utah, two named Warren and Bunce, and one unknown. The explosion was terrific, the report being distinctly heard in the city, thirty miles distant. All the buildings at the fort were shaken and many windows broken.

The explosion was caused by the combustion of asphaltum dust and gas, the last statement of the mine owners is so intense that it is impossible to get near it. The flames are rising from all three shafts 100 feet in the air and no possibility of extinguishing them. It is not probable that the bodies of Anderson and Garnes will ever be recovered. The entire command at the fort was hurried to the scene but could render no assistance.

WIRE TALKS A TANGLE.
Cleveland, O., Nov. 24.—As the result of the decision of the wire mail pool to cease paying subsidies to wire manufacturers to keep out of the mail market, the wire mail pool has been closed.

Dakota National Bank Closes.
Sioux Falls, N. D., Nov. 24.—The Dakota National bank has closed its doors.

The bank was heavily loaded with real estate of a depreciated nature, but the officers hope to reorganize and resume business. The last statement of the bank showed \$178,000 deposits and loans and discounts of \$198,000.

Lebanon, Ind., Nov. 24.—A bloody fight occurred on the public square, this city, at 8 o'clock last evening between the police and a mob of four hundred people.

Bill Woods, one of the desperadoes, recently from Missouri, was fatally shot by policeman George Frost, who himself received a bullet in his thigh while several others suffered slight injuries. It was a case of resistance to arrest for outrages and violence by the Woods and Miller gang committed last week. Two others of the gang were arrested.

Washington, Nov. 24.—George S. M. Francis, secretary of the Interior, for a writ of mandamus. He represents that in March, 1893, he filed in the patent office an application for a patent for a method of testing the railway air brake and signal systems, and apparatus for carrying out the method.

He claims the invention is worth \$100,000 to him. Hodgson asserts that his appeal from the decision of the primary examiner rejecting his claims has been refused and he now wants the secretary commanded to direct the commissioner of patents to perfect the appeal to the board of examiners in chief.

Kansas City, Nov. 24.—Alice Platt, the servant suspected of poisoning the two children of Lawyer Charles Mussey, was held today to the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. She was committed to jail without bail. This action had been expected.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—David Henderson, the theatrical manager, who was recently divorced from Grace Roth Henderson, the actress, has been married to Miss Frankie Raymond, he has for several years been a member of Mr. Henderson's extravaganza companies.

WILL PLAY INDOORS

NEW THING IN FOOTBALL TO BE TRIED IN CHICAGO.

Nearly a Hundred Thousand Feet of the Coliseum's Flooring Has Been Taken Up and the Ground Beneath Thoroughly Prepared for the Michigan and Chicago Universities' Eleven's Thanksgiving Day Game—No Practice Will Be Held and There is No Knowing How Things Will Work Out.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Arrangements for the Thanksgiving football game between the eleven of Michigan and Chicago universities at the Coliseum are now practically complete, 75,000 square feet of flooring having been taken up and the ground beneath thoroughly prepared, covered with clay and then rolled.

Room will be ample. At each end of the field, which is of regulation size, thirty feet intervene between the goal lines and the flush wall, four feet high, from which rise the tiers of seats. At the sides, fifteen feet separate the walls and the field. To further guard against accidents to players who are tackled near the side lines, the ground between the rows of boxes and the field has been covered with a small-sized roll of straw. Knives, rocks and sticks were used and at least a half dozen men were badly injured. A number of women were mixed up in the fight. They were even more ferocious than their husbands. More trouble is expected and a number of special police have been sworn in.

As to the availability of the building from a player's point of view, nothing can be told, as no practicing will be done by either team. The ground is expected to be the contest itself takes place no one can tell whether in-door football is a success. Only one thing, however, is feared by the players, and that is that the light from the scores of skylights will interfere with the catching of punts. To obviate this fault, if such a fault exist, the windows on the west side have been painted to reflect the glare of the sun. As to the punting itself, there will probably be no trouble. From the center of the field to the roof it is 37 feet. Directly over the side line the height is 60 feet and thence gradually rises up to the center.

LEON-SULLIVAN CONTEST
Twenty Rounds to a Draw, Before the Bohemian Athletic Club.

New York, Nov. 24.—The twenty-round boxing contest between Casper Leon of this city and Dave Sullivan of Boston, before the Bohemian Athletic club tonight, resulted in a draw. The first preliminary was by Tom McDermott of Brooklyn and Billy Barrett of New York, six rounds at 112 pounds. It resulted in a draw.

The event was to have been a ten-round go at 133 pounds between Frank O'Neill, colored, of Chicago, and Charley Connolly of Cleveland, but the Chicago boxer soon tired him out and the referee stopped the fight in the third round and gave O'Neill the decision.

Leon and Sullivan, for the event of the evening, came on and the spectators applauded when it was announced that Leon, the old-time champion, was to defend the title. He was a short, stout, well-built man, and he did not speak in acknowledgment of the plaudits of the assemblage.

The fighters weighed in at 111 pounds. The fight was a sharp but even, and the ninth, when in a rush Sullivan put his arm around Leon's neck, throwing his antagonist to the floor. Leon's seconds claimed foul, but Referee Mace decided that it was an accident. Although Leon's left seemed weak in the fifteenth he staggered Sullivan with a right hander on the jaw.

In the fifteenth Sullivan's nose began to bleed from two hard ones on the face, but he was game and fought back as hard as he could, although his blows lacked steam. He was very tired when the going ended.

In the nineteenth Leon knocked Sullivan to the floor with a right swing on the jaw and jabbed him in the eye. Mace, however, although badly punished, was game, and held up his end in clever fashion. Both were fighting fast when the last round ended, and the referee declared it a draw.

Connolly Knocks Out His Man.
Birmingham, Eng., Nov. 24.—Eddie Connolly of Boston, who came to fight Casper here tonight and knocked his man out in the fifth round. Both men weighed 132½ pounds, but Connolly had the advantage in height and speed. The betting, slightly favored Connolly, but it looked like an even contest, both the contestants being well trained.

In the first round Connolly was allowed to force the exchanges. In the second round Connolly forced Casper down and delivered a heavy blow in his face before his opponent had time to get up. In the third round, fast work was done and the Londoner finished strong. In the fourth round Casper brought his opponent down. In the fifth round Casper fell twice and was counted out. Neither was much hurt.

McLeod Loses His Match.
Chicago, Nov. 24.—The wrestling match between John Rooney of Chicago and Dan S. McLeod of the Calumet wrestler, was won by the former. By the terms of the match McLeod was to throw Rooney five times in one hour. He could not do this, although he had the better of the wrestling, throwing Rooney three times.

Western Baseball Meeting.
Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 24.—The Western baseball association reorganized here today. Those in attendance were as follows: Rockford, C. Landers and V. S. Anderson; Dubuque, M. P. Felton, J. E. Kemp, A. C. Busby and A. Cooper, Jr.; Peoria, J. F. Harman, John Finley and C. Dugdale; St. Joseph, President Hickey and C. F. Keller; Cedar Rapids, G. A. Lincoln, L. C. Blake and A. Charles; Des Moines, S. F. Frick; Ottumwa, William Bennett and W. F. Bennett.

The following cities will form the circuit: Des Moines, Burlington, Dubuque, Peoria, Rockford, Cedar Rapids, St. Joseph and Ottumwa. The Calumet team would be a fight over the admission of cities, as there were so many seeking admission. The Peoria franchise will be operated by a stock club controlled by John Finley.

A guarantee will be required from each club in the sum of \$500 that the season will be held. The salary limit was placed at \$1,000.

Philadelphia New York Record.
Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—A new record between New York and Philadelphia was created today by John Novebre of the Century Wheelmen, who covered the distance in 7 hours and 11 minutes, thus breaking the best previous time by 1 hour and 4 minutes.

Dog Show in Brooklyn.
New York, Nov. 24.—The first annual dog show of the Metropolitan Kennel club began at the Old Tenthredin regiminary, Brooklyn, today. There are in all 800 entries, of which nearly 600 have been received. There are in all 140 classes of dogs to be judged.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE
Items of General Interest From All Over the Universe.

Upper Sandusky, O., Nov. 24.—All the prisoners confined in the Wyandotte county jail escaped yesterday and are now at large. It is supposed that some one gave them a key by which the lock was picked.

Boston, Nov. 24.—The Boston Athletic association football team has left for Chicago to play the Thanksgiving day game at that city on Thanksgiving day. Manager John Graham will have a party of seventeen to handle.

Tangiers, Nov. 24.—It is reported here

that owing to strong foreign pressure, France, after massing troops on the frontier, has been obliged to abandon the expedition to Tunis and the extensive territory of Morocco and Algeria.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Rev. P. Cumming Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, has accepted a call to the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Indianapolis, which has a membership of 1,000 and will pay its pastor \$4,000 a year.

London, Nov. 24.—The Times this morning contains a notice of the death of Sir Charles Staveley at Dublin yesterday. He was conspicuous during the Crimean and the Chinese wars, and he made valuable military sketches at the time of the Oregon difficulty with the United States.

Boston, Nov. 24.—Cable advices received today from Hamburg state that there is still a strong demand for American apples, especially at interior points in Germany. The supply does not cover the consumption and at the last sale Hamburg brought 13 marks, about \$23.

New York, Nov. 24.—The cruiser Marblehead is lying at anchor off Tompkinsville, S. I., having arrived in port yesterday after a cruise of nearly three weeks. She sailed from New York on April 2, 1894, but it was not until two months later that the Marblehead passed the Hook, bound out for Kingston, Jamaica, St. Domingo, Nicaragua.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Trouble broke out between two factions of the Polish Catholics at Dewey yesterday, and a small-sized riot was the result. Knives, rocks and sticks were used and at least a half dozen men were badly injured. A number of women were mixed up in the fight. They were even more ferocious than their husbands. More trouble is expected and a number of special police have been sworn in.

Boston, Nov. 24.—In a speech at the Catholic Alumni association dinner here Saturday night, President Edger of Harvard university paid high compliments to Catholic parochial schools, saying: "It is a movement prompted by devotion to religious beliefs; it is a self-sacrificing movement; it is a mighty movement. It proceeds from the most respectful feelings of every mind, and it is supported by the generosity and liberality which is worthy of respect."

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—There is a big fight on between the Wiggins Ferry company and the Interstate Land and Ferry company. The latter is the right of business between St. Louis and East St. Louis. The Wiggins Ferry company claims that the Interstate company has taken over the business and is operating it as an independent ferry business, and announces its intention to seize them. This seizure will be met by force and trouble may be expected.

HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.
A Missouri man sent abroad for an instrument with funny results.

A musical instrument dealer tells a good story at the expense of a musically-inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was considerable, and he was very disappointed in getting anything that quite satisfied him. Confident that there was nothing in this country that would answer, he wrote to European dealers, and finally ordered one that he thought would go ahead of anything ever seen in this section.

His friends were all posted and awaited the arrival of the instrument in anxious expectancy. It came a few days ago, and the package was carefully opened in the presence of half a dozen admiring friends. The zither was a beauty, there was no mistaking that, but on a closer examination there was the maker's stamp indelibly placed on the frame, and it read: "Washington, Mo., U. S. A." A neighboring town of Hermann. The gentleman might have saved \$50, in addition to the express and import charges, and have avoided all the waiting which he had to endure. But he would never have been satisfied.

The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful workmen; but dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best ones placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are largely sold in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent. above what they should be. Ocean trips may improve a steam, but the Hermann gentleman cannot see just where it comes in.

HUNTERS BY THEIR GAME.
Instances Where Sportsmen Have Received Severe Blows From Birds.

Game killed in full flight has a momentum that carries it a long way sometimes. London Field relates several instances where the birds have hit the sportsmen. In one case George Monnera was shooting in the woods of Long Island when a grouse, driven by beaters, came flying along fast and high up. He shot at it, and then, with the other barrel, fired at another bird. Just as he was about lowering his gun after the first shot he received a blow on the head that knocked him senseless. The grouse first hit had tumbled against his head.

That same afternoon a wheelman riding along near the line of hunters admiring the scenery did not observe a big black cock till its feathers brushed his head. The black cock had been killed and had nearly hit him in falling.

The Badminton volume on shooting tells how the late Charles Leslie was knocked out at the battery by a grouse he had shot. A strong bat probably saved him from serious injury.

American hunters have had similar experience. A man was riding along a wagon some time ago, according to Forest and Stream, when something hit him on the head with enough force to make him dizzy. An unwounded partridge flying through the woods had hit him fair. Why the bird did not turn aside is as much a mystery as the fact that partridges sometimes fly against horse sides and are killed in so doing.

A Remedy for Thinness.
A French paper tells the story of a dramatic instructor who had as a pupil a girl who was very pretty, but woefully thin. Thinness is so fatal on the stage—except where there is the highest genius, as in the case of that great actress of whose admirers it is said that they prefer grace before meat—that he consulted a physician about it. The physician recommended belladonna. "Why?" asked the dramatic instructor. "Because," was the reply, "belladonna has the property of dilating the pupil."

RUSSIA GETS READY

AND ENGLAND INCREASES HER EASTERN FLEET.

She has Already a Formidable Array of Battleships in Those Waters, But Now Sends Out the Big Cruiser Terrible as a Reinforcement—Russia's Battleships in the Far East Cannot, as Yet, Compare With the English Strength, But Her Volunteer Fleet is Not to be Despised—More Russian Vessels Under Way.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 24.—A correspondent writing from Nagasaki under date of November 7, says:

The news that the British admiralty has decided to send out the big cruiser Terrible will probably cause little surprise. That England has been awake to the necessity of increasing the fighting strength of her fleet in far eastern waters has been for some time an open secret. With the Renown, Terrible, Aurora, Iphigenia, Algerine, Phoenix, Hart and Hady, in addition to the more effective vessels at present upon the station, the British fleet in the far east will be able to hold its own with that of almost any possible combination of powers. Russia has a number of vessels now on short notice coming out, but with the exception of the Navarin and two other cruisers, they cannot be of very effective type.

But in estimating Russia's strength we must not omit the splendid vessels of the volunteer fleet. At present there are thirteen of these, steaming from sixteen to twenty knots, of large tonnage and coal-carrying capacity, and with duplicate armaments fitted at both Vladivostok and Odessa. Each has naval officers on board, and is manned by a hundred men per vessel. The following is the list: Saratov, 10,888 tons displacement; Orel, 7,290; Petersburg, 3,200; Kherson, 10,225; Kostroma, 7,970; Yaroslavl, 6,885; Tambou, 8,835; Nijni, Norgorod, 7,376; Vladimir, 10,500; Voronezh, 10,500; Kiev, 10,500; Ekaterinovsk, 10,500; Hibiravsk, 2,500.

The exact value of their armament we do not know, but from all accounts it must be equal to cruisers of the Raiton-class, while from a reliable source we learn that the entire armament can be fitted into the vessel, and extra men, stores, ammunition and coal, taken aboard within forty-eight hours of the arrival of any one of the ships at either of the terminal ports.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.
—Mr. Garrard, of the zoological department of the British museum, has just retired of his own accord after years of continuous service.

—President Faure was received officially 127 times on his arrival and departure by train by the local authorities during his two months' stay at Havre this summer.

—Philip Gilbert Hamilton, at the time of his death, had completed his autobiography up to his 28th year, when he was married. The narrative has been continued from that time by his widow and will be published soon.

—Prof. August Duhr, who died recently at the age of 90 years at Friedland in Mecklenburg, has published a few months before death a translation of Homer into Plattdeutsch verse. He is best known by his translations of German poetry into classic Greek.

—Capt. Wiggins' trading expedition to Siberia has proved again successful this year, the Lorna Doone having reached Vardo on the return voyage from the Yenisei. She brought with her the salvage of the Stjerne, which ran ashore last year in the Kara sea.

—Pierre Loti went to a ball fight at Puenferria recently and was made the guest of honor. The chief spenda dedicated the death of the bull to him, and after the fight the novelist was obliged to throw his hat and pocket-book into the ring to live up to Spanish etiquette.

—That now almost obsolete musical instrument, the lute, is about to be revived in Italy, a society being in process of formation in Florence for the purpose of encouraging an appreciation of it. This will be known as the Societa del Lute, and its inauguration will be celebrated by a grand concert, in which several leading Italian musicians will take part, including Signor Mascagni, who is, moreover, composing a new piece for the occasion, entitled "The Apotheosis of the Lute."

BALLOONS TO SAVE LIFE.
Air Ships Harnessed to Lifeboats the Latest Invention from Connecticut.

The balloon has become a marine life-saving appliance. The big ocean greyhounds will soon, it is thought, be equipped with life-saving boats harnessed to balloons so as to be practically unsinkable. This novel device has been patented by a shrewd Connecticut Yankee.

While the combination boat will doubtless prove of the greatest service in saving people far out at sea, it will not be available at life-saving stations. The wind is usually blowing shoreward when vessels are in danger, and for this reason it would be almost impossible to force the boat, hampered by the balloon, to the assistance of a craft.

In a recent test made in the Connecticut river, near Middletown, it was shown that, even with the boat filled with water to the gunwales, the lifting power of the balloon prevented the craft from sinking or upsetting.

The boat was constructed under Mr. Riley's direction, and is 14 feet in length. Cylinders filled with compressed gas were placed in compartments, and from these the balloon, which was harnessed with cords to a hollow mast connected with the cylinders, was inflated. The mast, which is of galvanized iron, is adjustable, and, when turned forward, the big balloon acted as a sail, cars proving quite unnecessary.

The most interesting and convincing portion of the exhibition was when the passengers and crew were landed and the boat filled with water. Even with the extra submersion the boat floated along with scarcely a perceptible decrease in speed.

By the simple process of reversing the pumps, the inventor showed how he could pump gas from the balloon back into the cylinders. Some of the gas was then burned as a beacon light, which could be seen for many miles around. With this and a reflector and flasher can be made, which would be certain to attract the attention of passing vessels.

Another claim of the inventor is that it can, by being launched from a sinking vessel, secure aid from shore before a life-saving crew, even though the vessel is in a bad way.

ready, could shoot a line aboard. Often owing to a strong wind directly off shore, the life-savers are unable to place a life line so that it can be of assistance.

"This difficulty is met by Mr. Riley, who has supplied his boat with a line. The boat, he claims, when supported by the balloon, could, even without a crew, be headed for the shore, and, owing to its remarkable buoyancy, would have little difficulty in riding breakers and getting within reach of the life-savers." —N. Y. Herald.